



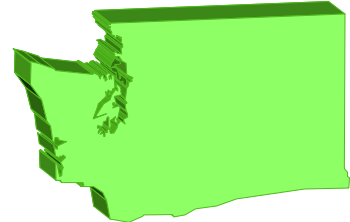
Fact Sheet

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Licensing Services and Compliance

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MOTOR CARRIERS - OVERVIEW



Intrastate

Property Carriers

If you plan to operate a motor vehicle transporting property for compensation over the public highways between points within the state of Washington, you must obtain a permit from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission for the following types of operations:

General Commodities Carriers

General commodities operations are defined as transporting all types of goods or property, excluding residential household goods.

Household Goods Movers

Household goods movers operations are defined as transporting household goods between residences, or between a person's residence and a storage facility.

Freight Brokers

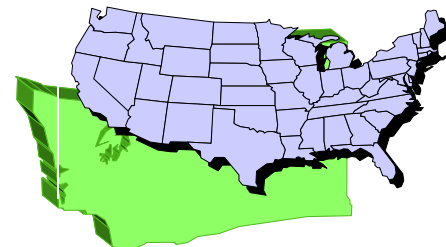
Freight brokering operations are defined as arranging for the intrastate transportation of general commodities or household goods by motor carriers.

Solid Waste Collection Companies

Solid waste collection is defined as those carriers collecting solid waste from residential or commercial customers and transporting the solid waste, using a motor vehicle, for collection and/or disposal over the highways of the state of Washington for compensation. Solid waste also includes residential source-separated recyclable materials.

- < "Garbage" or "refuse" means vegetable waste, scrap, waste materials, discarded articles, rubbish, debris, worthless or discarded materials.
- < "Biohazardous or biomedical waste" means animal waste, untreated solid waste including human body fluids, cultures and stocks, disease and sharps waste.

Passenger Carriers



If you plan to transport passengers, in a motor vehicle, for compensation in the state of Washington, you must obtain a certificate from the WUTC for the following types of operations:

Charter Bus Operations

Charter bus operations are defined as transporting a group of persons for compensation who:

- < as a group have a common purpose or are under a single contract
- < have acquired the use of a motor vehicle to travel together to a specific destination or for a particular itinerary

The vehicle used must have a seating capacity for seven or more persons excluding the driver.

Excursion Bus Operations

Excursion bus operations are defined as transporting persons for compensation:

- < from points of origin within a city, town or area to another location within the state and returning to that same point of origin (no passengers are picked up or dropped off during the trip)
- < compensation is charged for on an individual fare basis

The vehicle used must have a seating capacity for seven or more persons excluding the driver.

Auto Transportation Companies (Regular Route/Airporter Bus Services)

Regular route bus operations are defined as transporting persons for compensation:

- < between fixed points, or
- < over a regular route

Note: The requirements listed above for "passenger carriers" do not apply if you are transporting passengers wholly within an incorporated city; operating as a taxicab; operating a hotel or school bus; commuter ride sharing; or transporting passengers without compensation.

Private Non-Profit Transportation Providers

Private non-profit transportation providers are defined as:

- < non-profit corporations that provide transportation services for compensation solely to persons with special transportation needs.

Special transportation needs means persons, including attendants, who because of a disability, income, or age, are unable to transport themselves or purchase appropriate transportation.

MOTOR CARRIERS - OVERVIEW

Interstate

Property and Passenger Carriers

If you plan to operate a motor vehicle transporting property or passengers for compensation over the public highways into, out of, or through, the state of Washington, you must register with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission prior to conducting the following types of operations:

Registered Carriers (ICC or FMCSA Regulated)

Regulated commodity carriers are defined as Washington-based carriers transporting commodities or providing services under authority issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) or formerly by the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC). Washington participates in the Single State Registration System (SSRS) which is a base-state insurance registration program for interstate regulated commodity carriers.

Registered Exempt Carriers (Operating under ICC or FMCSA Exemptions)

Exempt carriers are defined as those carriers transporting commodities or providing services that are exempt from federal operating authority requirements.

Freight Brokers

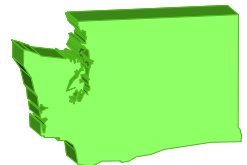
Freight brokering is defined as a service that arranges for the transportation of commodities by interstate motor carriers.

Note: The definitions given in this Fact Sheet are general descriptions only. Please refer to Washington State laws (RCW) or Washington Administrative Code Rules (WAC) for specific definitions or exemptions.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

I just bought a truck. What permits do I need to operate in Washington State?

If you plan to transport property you own, property that you are buying or selling, or property that you are transporting in conjunction with another business that you also operate, then you do not need a permit from the WUTC to operate in Washington State.

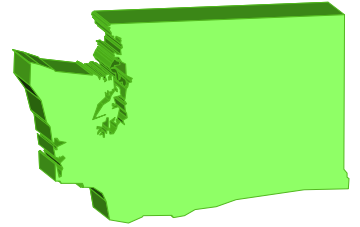


Private Carriers are those persons who transport their own property, property that they are buying, selling or property that they are transporting as an incidental part of another business that they operate.

If you plan to transport property for-hire, then you may be required to obtain a permit from the WUTC before you begin operating in Washington State.

General Commodity Carriers, Household Goods Movers, and Solid Waste Collection Companies may not begin operations in Washington State until they have applied for and received appropriate operating authority from the WUTC.

**I want to use my van to start a local passenger service.
I won't be using a bus, do I still need a WUTC permit?**



The determining factor for WUTC permits or certificates is not always the size of the vehicle or the distance traveled, but more importantly the type of service that you are proposing.

Vehicle seating capacity is a determining factor for Charter and Excursion services, but it is not a factor for Auto Transportation Companies (Regular Route/Airporter Bus Services) and Private Non-Profit Transportation Providers.

Charter, Excursion, and Auto Transportation Companies (Regular Route/Airporter Bus Services) are not required to have a WUTC certificate or permit if they operate wholly within, or 3 miles beyond, the limits of an incorporated city.

What if I want to operate (passenger or property service) between states?

If you plan to operate as an interstate for-hire motor carrier of property or passengers then you must register with the WUTC and carry a valid registration receipt in each vehicle that you operate.

Registered Carriers (under SSRS) and Registered Exempt Carriers must renew their registrations with the WUTC annually.

Washington and 37 other states participate in SSRS. Oregon and British Columbia do not participate in SSRS so carriers based in those states must register with the state they will run the most vehicles in.

For information and assistance about obtaining federal operating authority, you should contact your local office of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Is there anything else that I should know?

Washington State has adopted the federal motor carrier safety regulations and is part of the International Registration Plan (IRP), International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA), and the Commercial Driver's Licensing (CDL) programs.

For information and assistance regarding highway safety requirements you may wish to contact the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section of the Washington State Patrol.

For information and assistance regarding vehicle and driver licensing and fuel tax requirements you should contact our Department of Licensing or the appropriate motor vehicle licensing agency in your state.

If you have any questions, please call the Licensing Services Section of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission at (360) 664-1222.

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